

Remarks

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 21-27 and 29-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0139178 of *Mendez et al.* ("*Mendez*") and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0161867 of *Cochran et al.* ("*Cochran*").

Claims 28 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran* and U.S. Patent Number 6,067,558 of *Wendt et al.* ("*Wendt*").

Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 21 is not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran* because *Mendez* and *Cochran* do not disclose or suggest a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in amended claim 21. Instead, *Cochran* discloses a computing device 14 having a device configuration assembly 12 that generates network addressing parameters for a set of computing devices 26-42 (*Cochran*, Figure 1 and paragraphs 31 and 34) without user interaction with a configuration server as claimed in amended claim 21. *Mendez* discloses a remote terminal 105 that runs a configuration applet 359 that configures elements of the remote terminal 105 (*Mendez*, paragraph 50) rather than generate network configuration parameters for a network device by enabling a user to communicate with a configuration server as claimed in amended claim 21.

Given that claims 22-28 depend from amended claim 21, it is submitted that claims 22-28 are not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran*.

It is also submitted that amended claim 29 is not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran*. Amended claim 29 is a method for configuring a network device that includes limitations similar to the limitations of amended claim 21. Therefore, the remarks stated above with respect to amended claim 21 and *Mendez* and *Cochran* also apply to amended claim 29.

Given that claims 30-36 depend from amended claim 29, it is submitted that claims 30-36 are not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran*.

It is further submitted that claims 28 and 36 are not obvious in view of *Mendez* and *Cochran* and *Wendt* because claims 28 and 36 depend from amended claims 21 and 29, respectively, and because *Mendez* and *Cochran* and *Wendt* do not disclose or suggest a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in amended claims 21 and 29. Applicant has shown that *Mendez* and *Cochran* do not disclose or suggest a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a configuration server as claimed in amended claims 21 and 29. *Wendt* discloses a top-level UI server 12 that searches for peripherals (*Wendt*, col. 3, lines 31-38) rather than a node having a web browser that enables a user to generate a set of network configuration parameters for a network device by communicating with a

configuration server as claimed in amended claims 21 and 29.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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